GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CREATION OF NEW STATES
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received several demands/ representations from various States and organizations regarding bifurcation of States and creation of new States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Demands and representations have been received from time to time from various States and organizations for creation of new States like Vidarbha in Maharashtra, Saurshtra in Gujarat, Coorg in Karnataka, Koshalachal in Western Orissa, Gorkhaland in West Bengal, Mithilanchal in North Bihar. The Government of Uttar Pradesh on 23-11-2011 also forwarded a resolution passed by the State Assembly on 21-11-2011 for the division of Uttar Pradesh in four smaller States Viz., Purvanchal, Bundhelkhand, Avadh Pradesh and Paschim Pradesh.

(c): Creation of any new State has wide ramifications and direct bearing on the federal polity of our country. The Government of India moves in the matter only when there is a broad consensus in the parent State. Government takes a decision on the matter of formation of new States after taking into consideration all relevant factors.